

## Appendix C: Policy on Human Sexuality

At Highland Christian School (hereinafter referred to as "HCS") we believe that the Bible is God's inspired, infallible Word and that Holy Scripture is our only rule for faith and practice. (Belgic Confession Articles 3 & Article 7; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 1:10-12; 1 Corinthians 3 : 11; Galatians 1:6-9).

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Genesis 1:26-27.) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Genesis 2:18-25.) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4.) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that marriage between one man and one woman for life uniquely reflects Christ's relationship with His church (Ephesians 5:21-33) and serves as the foundational unit of a stable society (1 Corinthians 7: 2) providing children the best opportunity for being raised in a stable family life consistent with the Biblical model for marriage and family life.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matthew 15:18-20; Romans 1:21-28; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of HCS and to provide a biblical role model to the HCS's faculty, staff, parents, students and the community, it is imperative that all parents seeking admission of their child/children into or continued enrollment in HCS agree to and abide by our Statement of Faith and this Policy on Human Sexuality (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22.).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are neither in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines and policies of HCS.

Our Statement of Faith and this Policy on Human Sexuality do not exhaust the extent of HCS's beliefs. The Bible alone, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality and the proper conduct of mankind and as such is the sole and final source of all that we believe. HCS is not now nor ever has been a parochial or church owned school. Therefore, for purposes of HCS's faith, doctrine, practice, policy and discipline, the Board of Directors is HCS's final interpretative authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

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